

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 584 - HB 1076

February 27, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the one-year experience requirement for doctorate level physical therapists for purposes of the direct access practice exception. Requires physical therapists without a doctorate degree to meet certain educational requirements in order to practice physical therapy upon a patient not referred by a licensed doctor of medicine, chiropractic, dentistry, podiatry, or osteopathy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Passage of the proposed legislation will have no effect on the operations of the Board of Physical Therapy or the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Physical Therapy had an annual surplus of \$82,547 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$23,655 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$554,154 on June 30, 2020.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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